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1. Emanuel Ruppenian, thirty-three years of age, a former official of the Ministry of Justice under Lucretiu Pătrăscanu, was arrested on 28 February. All his letters, documents, and notes were taken for examination. Ruppenian is a nephew of Merant Torosian, also a former associate of Pătrăscanu's.
2. Torosian became friendly with Pătrăscanu in 1943. During the spring and summer of 1944 Pătrăscanu hid in Torosian's house. When Pătrăscanu became Minister of Justice Torosian amassed a considerable amount of money and was appointed Consul General in Paris. In October 1947 Torosian was recalled to Rumania and not permitted to return to his post. An investigation of his activities in Paris was conducted by Ana Toma, a friend of Ana Pauker, who reportedly ascertained that Torosian had been employed there by Emil Bodnăras. Torosian was arrested at Oradea Mare on 23 March 1948, while attempting to escape from Rumania and sentenced to five years imprisonment, and has been brought from Aiud to Bucharest.
3. It is now believed that Gheorghe Tătărescu will be involved in the trial of Pătrăscanu. At the present time Tătărescu is under house arrest on the first floor of his home on Strada Polona, the remainder having been requisitioned.

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